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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
David Ralph *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/660,568

Filed: September 11, 2000

For: DIAGNOSIS OF DISEASE STATE USING
mRNA PROFILES IN PERIPHERAL
LEUKOCYTES

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: McGarry, Sean

Atty. Dkt. No.: UROC:014USD1

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 24, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed on September 24, 2004 and subsequent briefs were also filed prior to the oral argument scheduled for June 8, 2006. Applicants are filing this Request for Continued Examination and response. It is believed that no additional fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UROC:014USD1.

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